

202 \$39
203 \$63

HW #18
1-19-99
Amended

PATENT APPLICATION
Do. No. 4164-55

In The United States Patent and Trademark Office

In re application of: John F. Acres et al

Serial No. 08/922,046

Examiner: J. Schaaf

Filed: September 2, 1997

Group Art Unit: ~~3711~~ 3713

For: **COMPUTER NETWORK FOR CONTROLLING AND MONITORING GAMING DEVICES**

Date: December 22, 1998

Hand Delivered

Box Fee Amendment
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED

JAN 5 1999

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action, dated August 4, 1998, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Sub. P. 272
88. (once amended) A method of operating gaming devices interconnected by a computer network to a host computer having a user-operated input device comprising:
 associating each gaming device with a unique address code;
 selecting less than all of the gaming devices interconnected by the computer network responsive to a user-effected action at the input device which identifies the selected gaming devices with the respective associated address codes;
 using the network to track activity of the selected gaming devices;
 allocating a predetermined percentage of the money wagered to a bonus pool;
 determining a bonus award to be paid from the bonus pool at one of said selected gaming devices;
 generating data indicating the amount of the bonus award;

01/12/1999 LBEHRY 00000001 0832E046

01 FC:202
02 FC:203
03 FC:216

39.00 OP
63.00 OP
130.00 OP

Do. No. 4164-55

98 DEC 23 3:44:22

RECEIVED

D